

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently amended): A method for inducing a protective immune response against Salmonella in ~~protecting~~ a susceptible human or animal ~~from infection with a pathogenic~~ bacterium, comprising administering an effective amount of vaccine comprising a live[[,]] attenuated Salmonella bacterium ~~of a genus selected from the group consisting of Escherichia, Yersinia and Salmonella~~, said Salmonella bacterium not having a functional tRNA^{leu}₅, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

13. (Cancelled)